



Town of Dumfries
Council Meeting

Meeting Date:

May 7, 2013

Agenda Item#

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AGENDA ITEM FORM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:

- ☐ CONSENT AGENDA
☐ PRESENTATION
ACTION ITEM
☐ TOWN MANAGER & STAFF COMMENTS
☐ PUBLIC HEARING
☐ Duly Advertised

PURPOSE OF ITEM:

- ☐ INFORMATION ONLY
☐ DISCUSSION ONLY
DISCUSSION AND DECISION
☐ Introduction ☐ Resolution
☐ Ordinance ☐ Grant/MOU
☒ By Motion ☐ Bylaws
☐ Certificate

PRESENTER: Christine Sanders

PRESENTER TITLE: Town Attorney

AGENDA ITEM: Roadside Food Vendor Ordinance

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY: This ordinance is brought forward by the Town Attorney at the request of Council.

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Ordinance with amendments as discussed by Council at work session of April 23, 2013.

REQUESTED ACTION: Discuss and move to a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. Determine the date for which public hearing will be held.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Christine Sanders, Town Attorney; 703-221-3400 ext. 140 or csanders@dumfriesva.gov

FOR USE DURING MEETING

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VOTE:

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AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DUMFRIES TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, _____, 2013, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 17755 MAIN STREET, DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA: ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY _____, AND SECONDED BY _____, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Charles C. Brewer, _____;
Gerald M. Foreman, II, _____;
Kristin W. Forrester, _____;
Helen D. Reynolds, _____;
Willie J. Toney, _____;
Gwen P. Washington, _____;
Derrick R. Wood, _____;

AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 42, BY AMENDING THE NAME OF THE CHAPTER TO PEDDLERS, SOLICITERS AND ROADSIDE FOOD VENDORS; ARTICLE I BY ADDING SECTION 1-10, RELATING TO THE PURPOSE OF THE CHAPTER; ADDING ARTICLE III, ROADSIDE FOOD VENDORS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Dumfries, Virginia, meeting in _____ session this ____ day of _____, 2013:

1. That the Code of Ordinances, Town of Dumfries, Virginia, as amended, is further amended by deleting the title to Chapter 42 and amending/adding to the title of Chapter 42 and is reenacted as follows:

~~Chapter 42 – PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS~~

Chapter 42 PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS and TEMPORARY ROADSIDE FOOD VENDORS.

2. That the Code of Ordinances, Town of Dumfries, Virginia as amended is further amended by adding:

Article III. – Temporary Roadside Food Vendors.

Sec. 42-30 - Purpose of Article; findings of Town council.

The purpose of this Article is to reasonably control the activities of temporary roadside and mobile food vendors for the health, safety and well-being of the people residing in the Town and the general public. The Town council finds that solicitation of business by roadside food vendors may on private property interfere with property owners and residents' right to privacy, peaceable enjoyment of their property and quiet. The Town council also is committed to leaving

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open ample opportunities for legitimate roadside food vendors, and prohibits any unlawful discrimination in the in the application of this chapter.

42-31 – Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter the following alphabetical listing of terms and their definitions shall apply. Additional definitions specific to their application in a section may be found in sections c-----.

- (1) Roadside food vendor-- shall include a vendor who vends food from a lunch wagon, truck, push cart, or vehicle from which food is sold on private property with legal access to a public right of way.
- (2) Temporary – for the purpose of this Chapter, temporary shall mean no more than 12 hours a day, six days a week. Overnight parking of the food vending unit(s), and employee parking is prohibited. Signs, trash, trash receptacles, debris or any other indicia of the vending business are prohibited to remain overnight and shall be removed from the permitted site(s) each day.

42-32. Mobile food vendors operating as a temporary use shall be regulated pursuant to Chapter 70, Section 70-22 and 70-23.

Comment [TA1]: These are the event vendors for festivals etc. NOT vendors that set up daily for several days etc.

42- 33. Temporary Roadside Vendor regulations: Temporary roadside food vendors not operating pursuant to Chapter 70, Sections 70-22 – 70-23 may be approved in any district zoned B1, B2, FBO1 or M1 by the zoning administrator through the issuance of a permit when in the interest of protecting the public health, safety and welfare the following conditions are met:

- (1) Written approval of the owner of the property shall be obtained in advance of obtaining any permits under this Article. This approval shall identify the property address, the property owner's: a) name; b)owner's mailing address; c)owner's telephone number; d)owner's acknowledgment of the proposed vending activity; and e)dates and times the food vending is to occur. A copy of this written approval must be in the possession of the vendor when operating pursuant to his/her roadside food vendor permit.
- (2) No restrooms shall be provided for customers or the general public.
- (3) Roadside vendors are limited to no more than five employees.

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- (4) No structures of any kind shall be allowed.
- (5) Allowable hours of operation for food vending shall be dawn to dusk.
- (6) Roadside vendors are not permitted on publicly-owned property or public rights of way.
- (7) Adequate and safe ingress and egress, such that the normal traffic pattern shall not be disrupted, shall be provided as determined by the chief of police or his designee.
- (8) Adequate parking for the vendor, employees and customers on site is required. A minimum of four parking spaces shall be provided for customers on-site. Parking or stopping in public rights-of-way is prohibited.
- (9) A schematic site plan diagramming the area of operation, parking, placement of signs, and trash receptacles must be furnished and approved by the zoning administrator.
- (11) Signage shall not exceed 20 square feet in total area. Free standing signs are limited to sandwich board type signs no higher than four (4) feet in height.
- (12) A bond, cash escrow, or other suitable guarantee payable to the Town as the in the amount of \$1500.00 shall be provided to insure that conditions of the permit and this ordinance will be met. Such guarantee in the amount of \$1500.00 for each permitted vending location shall be required.
- (13) Evidence of business liability insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth of Virginia with coverage for claims of damage to property and bodily injury, including death, which may arise from the vending operations with a combined single limit of liability of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,000,000.00) per occurrence. Said policy must include an endorsement naming the Town as an additional insured and providing the Town with at least thirty (30) days' prior written notice before any cancellation or termination.
- (14) No seating for customers shall be provided. Only carry-out food will be permitted.

Comment [TA2]: Concern is adequate parking for vendor, employees and customers. If up to 5 employees are allowed plus a vendor, then a minimum of 9 spaces may be needed. Clearly, if less than 5 employees then less spaces but in order to provide adequate safe ingress/egress and parking, the vendor will need to know at the time of permit application how many employees are anticipated and if they'll require parking. Or restrict all parking to customers and No employee parking will be allowed?

Comment [TA3]: Because the need to enforce on several sites for trash and debris etc.

Comment [TA4]: This is the same amount required for events

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- (15) Removal of all freestanding signs, trash, or debris from the site and the immediate vicinity, upon termination of the activity shall be guaranteed by the vendor in writing and accomplished daily. Should trash, debris or signs remain overnight, the applicant will be subject to a verbal or written warning and subsequent violations will result in revocation of the permit and enforcement of this Article pursuant to the terms of this Article and any other applicable Town codes.
- (16) The bond or other guarantee, required by subsection (12) of this section, shall be forfeited to the Town if the site is not adequately cleared of all trash, debris, and signs daily, the activity continues or remains on the site after expiration of the permit, or violations of this section or the conditions of the permit are established (but nothing in this forfeiture provision shall limit the city's ability to enforce this section in any manner provided by law). All other applicable laws will be enforced.
- (17) No more than two such permits shall be issued for the same property lot or GPIN at any time. It is expressly understood that every location may not be suitable for one or two roadside food vendors.
- (18) No permit shall be issued unless the vendor has received and furnished evidence of a valid permit or certification from the Virginia Department of Health to prepare (if preparation or cooking is involved) and/or sell food.
- (19) Roadside food vendors shall pay a business license/ permit fee of \$250.00 and shall be required to pay Meals Tax in Article V of Section 58 of the Dumfries Town Code as amended from time to time.

Comment [TA5]: Noise ordinance, for example. We do still have some residential nonconforming uses in commercial districts.

Sec. 42-34 Enforcement:

Vendors who violate the conditions of their permit or any provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor. Each day that any violation of this article of the permit conditions shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL

Gerald M. Foreman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Dawn Hobgood, Town Clerk